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DALTON WANTS ELECTRIC LINE.

Small Hope from the Canton-Akron Line.

ROAD PROMISED FROM WEST.

The Canton-Akron Company Still Claims That the Branch from Massillon to Brookfield Does Not Pay—A Mass Meeting was Held.

Dalton, Feb. 22.—Saturday evening, Februry 17, a large body of citizens met with the board of trade to talk over street railroad matters and other propositions relating to prospective enterprises that interested the board. The meeting was open to everybody and resolved itself into a general talk. The unanimous opinion of all present was that the citizens wanted the street railroad and wanted it bad. Committees were named for the several projects, and the meeting adjourned.

On Monday the committee on street railroads visited Canton and held a conference with officials of the Canton-Akron electric railway. In the evening an impromptu meeting was called which was largely responded to by citizens.

The committee reported that they had visited Canton and had met and held a conference; that the company assured them that the West Brookfield line was unprofitable; that their franchise required the graveling of the road; that if that was insisted on the money that would have to be expended for graveling would absorb all they had intended and set aside to extend the line to Dalton; that the committee must see that the gravel meant more money in an unprofitable investment; that rather than do so they would be compelled to take up the rails and ties in Brookfield and abandon and surrender the franchise; that to make that line profitable it would be necessary to extend the line into what they considered desirable territory. But they would only consent to do so on condition that a suit now pending, brought by the commissioners of Stark county, should be withdrawn and the charter amended, or a new one granted.

They further said that hard feeling existed in some quarters in the western part of the county, that they felt was very unjust and that the Eastern financiers were showing a disposition rather to pull out than expand.

On the other hand, word comes from Brookfield that a pugnacious and determined stand had been taken to insist that the railroad company should be compelled to carry out the conditions of their franchise, some going so far as to say that unless the company will comply they, the citizens, will turn the rails and ties over into the side ditch.

After the report had been placed upon its acceptance, a general discussion followed. A conciliatory spirit prevailed. Many aged men, who have been driving the road for the last fifty years, insisted that with the exception of where grading had been done, the road and streets in Brookfield were no worse now than they had always been.

Word was also received that a meeting had been held in Brookfield, and a movement started in the direction of harmony, in an effort to have one side of the track paved with brick.

The committee upon the whole felt hopeful. They could not, however, promise that, if the objectionable features were eliminated, the company would build the road; but they believed they would, but had no assurances from the company, and would hesitate to ask for such assurances.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to appoint a committee to confer with the commissioners of Stark county to see what can be done, and report at an early day. It appears quite likely that the board of trade of Massillon will be appealed to before it is ended.

After the adjournment people congregated in groups and discussed matters, and it is a question whether the optimistic or pessimistic predominated. Some foreswore turning their eyes eastward, and promised to look to the west only for relief, and that the line from Mansfield would reach this place first. One irreverent fellow said, "As far as street railroads are concerned, we better petition to have the name of Dalton changed to Dennis."

If the committee correctly understood the officials of the Canton-Akron line it is hard to understand why the minority should tie up the great majority for nine-tenths of the way, but so it appears now.

"Hope often deferred sickeneth the heart," and yet there are some bright rays in that it is known that one of our citizens holds a proposition from a Chicago firm that promises to be a solution of the whole matter. The details have not been given out for publication, but enough is known to say that the firm offers to finance and construct the certain stretch of road if certain conditions are complied with. With us, the plan meets with the certain element of distrust among certain citizens in the cry of the schemer, as successful men are denominated, in short a species of jealousy. It is known also that another gentleman of this place is largely interested in the proposed line from Mansfield to Wooster, and assures us that line will be constructed on private right of way during the coming summer and extended through the county east.

The next few weeks will in all probability show some unexpected developments. But we will probably first have to wait until the feast of vision has been satiated by those who "lookey to de eas'."

COURT ASSIGNMENTS.

Cases Will be Tried in Both Rooms Next Week.

Canton, Feb. 22.—The assignment of cases for trial in common pleas court next week is as follows:

ROOM 1, JUDGE HARTER.

Tuesday, February 27—Edwards vs Edwards; H. Middleton Company vs Diamond Metal Lath Company; Carnahan S. and E. Company vs Canton Hollow Block Company; Bothwell et al vs McQuate et al.

Wednesday — Little's administrator vs C. T. & V. railroad; McMillen vs Canton city; Russell vs Lane; Henderson vs city of Canton; Harmony vs Shull et al.

Thursday—Hoak vs Hoak et al; Heinz vs C. T. & V. railroad; Edwards & Company vs Brobof et al; Mathias' administrator vs Olinger et al; Williams vs Willis; Williamson vs Landis' executor et al.

Friday—Young vs Pennsylvania Company; Reynolds vs McDowell; Early vs L. E., A. & W. railroad; Huberty vs Dangeleisen; Central Engraving Company vs Miller Pasteurizing Company; Jacobs vs Canton-Akron Railway Company.

ROOM 2, JUDGE AMBLER.

Monday, February 26.—Smith vs Smith; Richards' receivers vs Williams; Heim vs American Steel Foundries Company; Ewing vs city of Alliance; Kreuger vs Miller.

Tuesday—McGinnis vs Massillon Coal Mining Company; Hay's administratrix vs Hay; Trescott vs Mason et al; Knecht vs East Ohio Gas Company.

Wednesday—Cholly vs Chevereaux; Pike vs Wagner; Schneider Machinery Company vs Bast; West Penn F. and M. Company vs United Steel Company; trustees of Plain township vs Schwisberger.

Thursday—City of Canton vs Stark Electric Railway Company; Hansen vs Sibila's executor; Stoner vs Snyder; Cleveland Heights Land Company vs Hadley; Santis' administrator vs Canton-Akron Railway Company.

Friday—Richards' receivers vs Teplansky; Pontius-Barry Company vs Heltzel; Neal vs Isaac Harter Milling Company; Romig vs Berger; Guella's administrator vs Steiner Coal Company.

An announcement for the benefit of attorneys is also made. In this it is stated that under rule 5 application to continue or pass a case that has been assigned for trial, for reasons known to the party at the time of assignment shall be made to the court not later than Monday morning following the assignment, and upon failure of counsel to appear and make such applications, cases will be disposed of by the court in the order of their assignment, unless for cause arising or coming to their notice after said time or for extraordinary cause on written application and supported by affidavits.

READY FOR A STRIKE.

Massillon Manufacturers Storing Quantities of Coal.

The Russell & Company, the Massillon Water Supply Company and the Massillon Light, Heat and Power Company, and other manufacturing concerns in the city do not intend to be caught short of coal in case the operators and miners do not arrive at an agreement and a strike results. Immense quantities of coal are being procured and stocked. Other large consumers have in stock at present a sufficient supply to meet the demands for months to come, realizing the inconvenience resulting from a miners' strike unless due preparation is made for such an event.

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WARM DEBATE AT CONVENTION

Stark County School Officials Meet in Canton.

DISCUSSION IS DECLARED OFF.

Prof. Wingate Urged the Elimination of Politics in Management of the Schools—Work Abandoned on the New W. & L. E. Schedule.

Canton, Feb. 24.—The annual convention of the school officials of Stark county was held Saturday morning in the high school building. There were fifty or more school workers from all parts of the county in attendance, the session being presided over by Horace Sponseller. Several papers were read and a number of discussions took place. A. B. Wingate praised the Ohio legislature for the stand taken on the school question and expressed himself as favoring the elimination of politics from the schools. O. J. Evans, of New Berlin, did not believe this the proper thing, saying that the people always selected the best people for the schools regardless of their politics. The discussion grew so warm that the president declared it off.

Harvey Plaskett, who claims to be from Youngstown, was given a stiff fine by Mayor Turnbull Saturday morning. He was charged with intoxication, shooting his revolver within the city limits and resisting an officer. The mayor explained to Plaskett what might be done with him on all three charges, but said that he did not desire to send him to the workhouse. He was given to understand that officers should not be resisted in the discharge of their duties. A fine of $25 and costs was imposed and the prisoner was ordered committed until the same was paid.

David A. Cochran, a lumberman, living at 616 Rowland street, met with a serious accident at the Weaver Lumber Company's planing mill, Friday afternoon. For several years past Mr. Cochran has been driving a wagon for the company, but recently he was put into the mill to operate a buzz saw. Friday afternoon Cochran's left arm was drawn into the saw, and before the machinery could be stopped the member was almost severed between the wrist and elbow. The most of the ligaments and arteries were cut, and it required considerable time to stop the flow of blood. The bone was almost sawed through. The injured man was removed to his home. The attending physician thinks he will lose the use of his arm. Mr. Cochran is a member of Buckeye lodge, Knights of Pythias, and is well known among lodge men in Stark county.

It is not likely that the new schedule, which was being made out for the running of trains on the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad on account of the operation of the two-cent fare law, will materialize, as the work which was being done on them at the general offices here has been abandoned. There was to be a grand shaking up and it is understood that a number of trains were to be abandoned and the time and equipment given over to the hauling of freight, but this plan has evidently been changed.

Judge Hole rendered his opinion in the matter raised by the plea of abatement in the case of Harvey H. Miller, who is charged with conspiring to loot the State bank. The holding of the court was that the facts, as stated in the plea, do not show that the substantial rights of the defendant have been invaded and therefore he sustained a demurrer to the plea. The attorney will now file motions to quash the indictments, which will be heard next Wednesday.

AT GENOA SCHOOL.

Affirmative Side Wins After a Spirited Debate.

The literary exercises at Genoa Friday evening were well attended. The question, "Resolved, That existing jury systems be abolished," was vigorously debated. The audience, after listening attentively for several hours to the discussion, concluded that were a man on trial involving the possible sending of his aerial spirit to the judge of earth he would receive more justice from a judge than from a jury and rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative side. Another debate on some future evening will conclude the winter's entertainments at the school.

Decorated china breakfast set of 31 pieces, only $2.45. P. J. Schwalm Co.

KLINKER SENTENCED.

One Year's Imprisonment for Robbing Mails in Canton.

Cleveland, Feb. 23.—Theodore Klinker, who was arrested by United States Marshal Sampsell about two months ago for opening some of the endless chain letters sent to Canton for the McKinley memorial, was yesterday arraigned before Judge Tayler in federal court and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. Klinker is about 50 years old. He was night watchman at the Canton postoffice. While on duty in that capacity he opened the letters addressed to Judge W. R. Day and took from them dimes and quarters, the total amount of which was not over $50.

BIG LOSS FOR CANAL FULTON

A $3,000 Fire Loss Sustained Thursday Night.

IN THE OPERA HOUSE BLOCK.

The Blaze Started from an Exploding Gasoline Lamp in Adam Stitz's Saloon at 5 O'clock—Call for Massillon's Help.

A $3,000 fire loss was suffered by business men of Canal Fulton early Thursday evening, when the explosion of a gasoline lamp in Adam Stitz's saloon started a fire in the opera house block, which spread to C. M. Shafer's drug store, the stage of the opera house, Carl Hunsicker's meat market and Burlin Weil's barber shop.

The accident causing the blaze happened at 5 o'clock. The fire soon spread through the saloon and communicated to Shafer's drug store. The fire alarm was sounded and while the firemen tried to quench the blaze with streams of water, other townsmen began carrying articles from Shafer's drug store It was soon seen that the fire threatened to eat up the entire block and Hunsicker's meat market and Weil's barber shop were emptied. The flames shot upward into the main auditorium and before the firemen could get control of the enveloping fire the opera house stage had been practically ruined.

The rapidity with which the flames spread through the large frame building struck terror to the citizens and emergency help was asked of the Massillon fire department. Chief Burkle called in firemen and engaged a special train on the Pennsylvania for a quick run but received a message that the fire was about under control before the start was made. The firemen and the special train remained in readiness to start for an hour after receiving the first encouraging news that the fire was being placed under control.

The auditorium of the opera house block was not injured so much by fire as it was by smoke and water. This large room is located above the business block on the first floor. The building is frame and it was with difficulty that the firemen located exactly the fiercest blaze. Smoke came in clouds from every window and the firemen drenched the entire building, inside and out.

The loss will fall principally upon the building as the stock in the several stores was nearly all removed before damaged by fire or water. The entire opera house will have to be repaired. The storerooms can be used temporarily but their blackened walls and damaged ceilings show to what extent the firemen fought to save the property.

The fire was watched by practically all in the village at the time. The alarm was sounded just at dusk and crowds ran to the square hoping to be of some assistance. It took just one hour for the firemen to get control of the blaze. Watchmen remained around the building all night, fearing the blaze might again break out.

DIAMOND ROBBERY.

A Trunk Containing $25,000 Worth is Stolen.

Vincennes, Ind., Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—William Pflueger, a representative of the Noterman Jewelry Company, of Cincinnati, today checked a trunk containing $25,000 worth of diamonds from Terra Haute, nd., to this city. A trunk slightly resembling his and bearing the stub of his check was delivered to him. He wired for an investigation and left at once for Terre Haute.

HALLS BURNED AT GAMBIER.

Kenyon Military Academy Buildings Destroyed.

STUDENTS FATALLY INJURED.

Eighty-five Boys Were in the Dormitory When the Fire Broke Out—Loss Will be Heavy, on Which There was But Little Insurance.

Gambier, O., Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—The buildings of the Kenyon military academy burned early today and are a total loss. Three cadets are missing and at least eight are injured, three of whom will probably die. The names of the missing cadets have not been given out by the academy authorities. The injured are Rupert Stearns, of Cincinnati, not serious; Shannon, of New York, may recover; Harry Barnes, of Cleveland, probably fatal; Rennor Baxter, of Cleveland, slightly; Nicholson, of Steubenville, will not recover; J. Dorsey, of Dallas, Tex., slight; Homer Thurmechler, of Oak Harbor, O., slight; S. H. Salaway, business manager of the military academy, badly burned about the face and hands; several others were slightly burned. Eighty-five boys were in the dormitory when the fire broke out. An effort was made to effect a military formation, but the younger students became panic stricken, shrieking and crying for help. The buildings destroyed were Delano hall, Milner hall and the annex. The losses aggregate $250,000, insurance slight. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The missing students are W. Kunkle, of Ashtabula; James J. Fuller, of Warren, O., and J. Edward Henderson, of Indiana. Fuller and Henderson were roommates.

Warren, O., Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—James J. Fuller, reported missing in the Kenyon military academy fire at Gambier, was the only son of John A. Fuller, proprietor of the Park hotel, in this city. He was seventeen years old, entered the academy last September and was wealthy in his own right.

VANDERBILT ARRESTED.

Police Protected Him from an Italian Mob.

Florence, Italy, Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press).—The incident in Ponte De Ra yesterday which involved the detention there of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, jr., and their chauffeur, turns out to have been much more serious than at first reported. Vanderbilt and his chauffeur were arrested and taken to the police station. Vanderbilt was later escorted to the best hotel in the place. They had struck a boy at a corner and slightly injured him.

OFFICIAL ASSASSINATED.

Was Director General of a Russian Railroad.

Warsaw, Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Privy Councillor Ivanoff, director general of the Vistula railroad, was shot and killed on Bracka street today by an unknown man. Ivanoff was energetic in suppressing the recent railroad strike and dismissed many employes for participating in it.

FOR RURAL ROUTES.

Examination of Candidates in Canton on Saturday.

A rural mail examination, conducted by the county board of civil service examiners, will be held in the government building at Canton on Saturday morning, commencing at 9 o'clock. The examination will be held for the purpose of securing an eligible list for the offices in the county where the rural service is in force. Those who will take it were required to file their application with the department at Washington prior to February 14. Ten from this city have signified their intention of taking the examination.

On March 1 a civil service examination will be held at the local office for the purpose of securing a roster of clerks and city carriers. Applicants may express a preference, but the examination will not debar them from either position. The examination conducted by the local board will probably be held in the council chamber.

LITTLE HOPE OF AVERTING STRIKE

Mitchell Issues Orders to Canvass Districts.

ARE WORKING AGAINST DOLAN.

Robbins, Leader of the Bituminous Coal Operators, Says a Strike Seems Very Probable—Conference With Mitchell in New York was Without Result.

Pittsburg, Feb 25—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, sent instructions to his personal representatives in Pittsburg yesterday to canvass every district in this section and ascertain the sentiment of the rank and file regarding the strike question The special committee appointed by the delegates to the recent convention to oust the Dolan administration from office was advised to visit every mine and influence the miners in the campaign for the new election. The leaders all over the country have been similarly instructed.

Every effort to reach an amicable understanding between Francis L. Robbins, chairman of the Pittsburg Coal Company and leader of the bituminous operators, and John Mitchell has failed. Mr. Robbins returned from New York this morning after spending much of Thursday with Mitchell in the metropolis Mr Robbins said yesterday.

"A strike in the bituminous fields April 1 seems probable I am still hopeful for a settlement and hope the miners will realize the seriousness of the situation and accept our terms. I have not the power to settle for all the operators, neither does Mitchell have the power to settle for the miners. There is no understanding between us looking toward a settlement."

Kansas City, Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—W. C. Perry, president of the Southwestern Coal Operators' Association, says that all the operators of that association are satisfied a strike of the miners is inevitable.

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3 cans finest Pumpkin	25c	Bolted Corn Meal, sack	15c
3 cans Red Salmon, Canoe	28c	Granulated Corn Meal, sack	20c
2 cans Pie Peaches	25c	Pure N. Y. State Buckwheat	30c
7 cans Oil Sardines	25c	Pure Maple Syrup, quart	35c
8 bars Lenox Soap	25c	3 quarts Navy Beans	25c
16 bars Ark Soap	25c	6 lbs Dried Peas	25c
6 bars Ivory Soap	25c	Knox's Gelatine, 2 packages	25c
8 pounds Laundry Starch	25c	Jello, Jellycon, or Wetmore's Gelatine	8 packages 25c
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A question which is beginning to trouble the public is whether the lawyers will ever stop finding obstacles and fine drawn distinctions which stand in the way of establishing justice between corporations and the people who pay for railroad transportation.

Whether or not the city council decides to buy a street flushing machine, the provision in the contract with the Water Supply Company by which water may be used to flush the streets will prove valuable this summer. The appearance of the paved thoroughfares after a heavy rain can be secured every week by a good scrubbing with water from the various hydrants.

Not since the famous Home Rule bills of Gladstone were introduced over twenty years ago has there been such excitement on the Irish question in the English house of commons. The king's pro-Liberal speech in opening parliament called forth a proposed amendment by the minority, and in the debate that ensued the house expressed itself in favor of home rule for Ireland by a vote of 406 to 88. James Bryce, well known to us as the author of the best work on America's political plan, spoke in favor of home rule, among others of the Liberal leaders. While this vote does not, of course, accomplish anything more than the defeat of an unimportant amendment, it clearly shows what the attitude of the overwhelmingly Liberal house of commons will be when the Irish question comes up, as it will very soon. Never before has the outlook been so bright for Ireland, or her unfailing, patient hopes for justice seemed nearer realization.

FARMERS WILL STRIKE.

Demand One Dollar Per Bushel for Wheat.

Indianapolis, Feb. 24—A strike of the two hundred thousand farmers composing the American Society of Equity, an organization with headquarters in Indianapolis, has been called for March 1. Every one who responds to this call will agree to withhold from marketing any agricultural products excepting at prices that are up to the level that has been decreed as equitable by the officers of this organization

The word is passing through all the wheat growing states and the response that is returned is said to be causing considerable concern on the part of marketmen and speculators The Society of Equity says that the producer ought to get at least $1 00 a bushel for wheat, no matter what may be the size of the crop. The call for the strike sets forth a minimum selling price on all farm products.

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Just as Scores of Massillon People Have.

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If you neglect the aching back,
Urinary troubles, diabetes, surely follow.
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Cure every kidney ill.
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Theodore Miller, living at No 157 E. South street, Massillon, says. "I cannot say that Doan's Kidney Pills cured me of backache and muscular rheumatism which caused me no end of suffering for a great many years, but I can say that they benefited me more than any other remedy of the kind I ever used. My advice has always been to those enquiring of me during the past four years has been to procure Doan's Kidney Pills and give them a fair trial and relief from backache and kidney trouble will surely follow. They have never failed to do me good when in need of them."

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The Tearless Battle.

The Tearless battle was fought between the Spartans on one side and the Arcadians and Arjives on the other 367 B. C. Not a Spartan fell in the engagement, and so, Plutarch says, the Lacedaemonians called it the Tearless battle.

Life is the jailer, death the angel sent to draw the unwilling both and set us free.—Lowell.

COMMISSIONER JONES SURPRISED

No Intimation That Appropriation Would be Cut.

SALARIES GREATLY REDUCED.

Action was Taken at the Instigation of a Member of State Board of Examiners — Explains Conditions on Which His Son Entered the Office

Columbus, Feb. 24.—State School Commissioner E. A. Jones has made the following statement regarding the cut in his appropriation proposed by the Senate finance committee:

"Upon my return to the city Saturday evening I was surprised to learn of the action of the finance committee of the Senate in so reducing the appropriations for the commissioner of common schools as to cripple the department in its work—reducing the salary of the chief clerk $250, another clerk $200, and cutting off entirely the appropriation for additional assistance made necessary by the requirements of the new code.

"I was the more surprised to learn that this action was taken at the instigation of Senator Meck, who is himself an educator and a member of the state board of examiners, appointed by the commissioner, and supposed to have at heart the best interests of the department. I may say, however, that to the best of my recollection he has never visited the office since I entered upon its duties one year ago last July, and he has taken no pains to investigate the requirements and needs of the department since the provisions of the new code, requiring a large amount of additional work, went into effect. It is not strange that some members of the committee should have been influenced by his opinions, not knowing the motive that prompted his action.

"A short time before this part of the bill came up in the committee I went over it with Senator Meck in the Senate chamber. He gave no intimation of his contemplated action. I left him with the impression that the bill would be safe in his hands. I had the feeling that if any question arose in regard to any item in the bill he would insist upon an opportunity being given the commissioner to appear before the committee for the purpose of explaining the various items, presenting the needs of the department and answering any questions the members might wish to ask. I understand now that he opposed such a hearing. This shows the spirit prompting his action. I dislike to submit these grievances to the public, but so many articles have already appeared I feel it is but just that this statement of facts should come from the department.

"I wish to say in reference to Mr. Snyder that he was not my manager in the campaign. I had none. He was an earnest supporter of my candidacy, as were many others. He never sought a place in the office nor did any one seek it for him. He was a successful school superintendent and I appointed him because I felt he would be the right man for the place (chief clerkship.)

"His appointment gave very general satisfaction in the state and his work in the office has been entirely satisfactory to me. The statement has been made that he could not have been re-elected at Martins Ferry. At the time of our agreement he was under contract with the board of education for three years, had served only one-half of the time and his resignation was accepted with much reluctance. He was getting $2,000 a year and I felt that it would not be just to ask him to take the new position at a less salary. He has recieved $1,750 from the state and I have personally made good the $250.

"It is but right that I should explain how my son came into the office. The new code was adopted just before the adjournment of the last general assembly. It greatly increased the responsibiilties and duties of this department but no additional appropriation was made to carry it into effect. In October, 1904, it became evident that additional help was needed in the office. No relief could be obtained except through the emergency board. My son, who is a graduate of Amherst college, came into the office with the understanding that he would receive no pay unless we obtained favorable consideration from the emergency board. This arrangement could hardly have been made with an outside party. After a careful hearing the relief was granted—$500 for clerical help to February 15, 1905; and $225 additional contingent, as this fund was entirely exhausted five or six weeks before the close of the year. At the beginning of the second year the same rate of allowance for clerical assistance was granted. My son had become familiar with the work and he was continued in the office.

"All we ask is a fair hearing, adequate quarters for carrying on the work of the department, and an appropriation that is reasonable and just. These things I am confident the members of the present legislature will be willing to grant when they fully understand the situation."

THE MASONS' HOME GATHERING

Annual Observance of Washington's Birthday.

OVER TWO HUNDRED PRESENT.

Dancing Continued Until 1:30 O'clock — The Banquet was Commenced at 10:30 and Lasted Two Hours —Flags and Pictures Conspicuous.

The annual home gathering of Clinton lodge No. 47, F. & A. M., was held in the Masonic temple Thursday evening, thus observing George Washington's birthday anniversary, a custom that has long prevailed among the members of Clinton lodge. The lodge room, the banquet hall, club room, reception rooms, ante rooms and dressing rooms were all thrown open.

Dancing was commenced at 8:30 and continued to 1:30 o'clock. The banquet hall doors were opened at 10:30 o'clock and from that hour to midnight the tables were continuously filled. The banquet is a feature of the home gathering, distinct in itself. It is here that old friends meet and recall events of other days. There is no attempt to hurry through the formal menu. While the young persons were dancing in the lodge room, many of the older members and friends had gathered around the banquet tables.

Over two hundred were present. Many members of the lodge with friends were present from Canton, Navarre, Canal Dover and Akron, while guests of resident members were present from all parts of the state. Som members were present from out of the state.

The decorations in the lodge room were in keeping with the day observed. National flags and pictures of George Washington were conspicuous. The banquet tables were decorated with potted plants and flowers. George Washington's memory is revered by Masons not alone for the honors bestowed by his countrymen but because of the fact that he was one of the first Master Masons in the United States and did much to foster the striving fraternity in old Virginia when a helping hand was sorely needed. It is for this that the main Masonic celebration is held on his birthday anniversary.

POSTMASTERS MEET.

They Adopt Constitution at Canton Thursday.

Canton, Feb. 23.—The first joint meeting of the Stark County Rural Mail Carriers' Association and Stark County League of Fourth Class Postmasters was held in the assembly room of the city hall Thursday afternoon.

A preliminary meeting of the postmasters was held at the Conrad hotel Thursday morning. The league was presided over by President William Philpot, of North Lawrence, and F. T. Pickens acted as secretary.

The chief business was the adoption of a new constitution along practically the same lines under which the organization had existed heretofore. The adoption of the new constitution was said to be necessary so that the organization might affiliate with the national organization of fourth class postmasters, which was done at the Thursday morning session.

Following were the postmasters present: Joseph Thomas, Navarre; Norman Reese, Robertsville; James C. Lupher, Waynesburg; Joseph Reighart, Maximo; Frank Schiltz, New Berlin; J. L. Powell, Paris; D. B. Wilson, Waco; E. E. Ellis, Wilmot; J. A. Sinclair, Pierce; William Philpot, North Lawrence; J. F. Pickens.

MOVE TO CLEVELAND.

Dr. C. O. Carr Has Sold His Dental Interests.

Dr. C. O. Carr has sold his dental parlor and business interests to Dr. William E. Taylor, a former partner, now of Beach City. Dr. Taylor will come to Massillon in a few days and will take possession by March 1. Dr. Carr intends to move to Cleveland at an early date and will go into electric sign novelty business with a partner, who has long been in this line of work. Dr. Taylor was associated with Dr. Carr eighteen months and left the city a little over two years ago.

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCHES

May 13 is Set for the United Brethren Ceremony.

MANY PASTORS TO BE HERE.

No Time Has Been Set for the Presbyterian Church Dedication—Services Will be Held in the Church One Week from Sunday.

The new Presbyterian church will be ready for dedication in a few weeks but the ceremonies will be delayed somewhat because of the inability of the pipe organ firm to get the new instrument here by the time the contractor has finished his work. For this reason it is probable that the Easter Sunday services will not be held in the auditorium.

One week from tomorrow, the first Sunday services will be held in the basement rooms of the church. These rooms have been completed for three weeks and would have been used before this had not the seats been damaged by fire in a building where they were stored. The seats are now in the church and have been revarnished and will be ready for use in another week.

In two or three weeks after moving into the basement, the parish house will be ready. This will be used as a Sunday school room after the auditorium has been fitted up for use. The Sunday school room will be used for church services until the main room has been finished in every respect.

Work is being done on the auditorium at present Frescoers have been at work two weeks and have about completed their work. Carpenters are erecting the dome under which will be placed a huge skylight. Movable glass windows will be used to cut off the dome from the auditorium. These will keep the heat in the room in winter, and, in the summer, will give abundant ventilation. The furnaces were completed several weeks ago and have been in constant use. There are four connected in a chain with a large brick dome over all, which collects the heat. A large fan forces the heat to all parts of the building. There are thirty rooms in the structure

The trustees of the new United Brethren church in West Tremont street intend to hold dedication services on Sunday, May 13, a week later than was previously intended. The change is made necessary for several reasons. The Rev. W. R Funk, of Dayton, will be present to assist the Rev. James Jones in the dedication services. The church is nearing completion, the basement having been used for Sunday service two months. The occasion will be made an imposing one in United Brethren church circles and a large number of pastors are expected to be present. A programme is now being prepared.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS FOR OHIO.

Twenty-six Bills are Introduced Calling for $3,730,000.

Washington, Feb. 23.—On Tuesday next a sub-committee of the House postoffice committee will pass upon the claims of Ohio cities for new federal buildings. The bill this year will probably carry $10,000,000 to $15,000,000. Bills have been introduced by members of the Ohio delegation to the number of twenty-six, appropriating $3,730,000. Naturally this list will be pared somewhat for insertion in the bill.

Cities where the government already owns sites or where citizens are ready to donate them are to have first call in this bill. This insures an appropriation to Columbus, which has asked for $1,000,000; to Hamilton, asking $200,000; to Lancaster, for which Grosvenor asks a farewell $100,000 memorial to his representation of this district, and to Toledo, which wants $1,250,000 and whose claim is fortified by the favor of Speaker Cannon.

Requests have been made by other members of the delegation for public buildings as follows: Garber, for Greenville, $35,000; Smyser, for Newark, $110,000, and for Wooster, $50,000; Thomas, for Warren, $50,000, for Ashtabula, $100,000; Dawes, for Marietta, $150,000; Cole, for Delaware, $100,000; Kennedy, for Massillon, $125,000, for East Liverpool and Youngstown, $100,000 each; for Salem and Alliance, $25,000 each; by Mouser, for Fremont, Marion and Tiffin, $100,000 each; by Webber, for Norwalk, Elyria and Mt. Vernon, $60,000 each; Ashland and Mt. Gilead, $50,000 each, for Mansfield and Lorain, $75,000 each.

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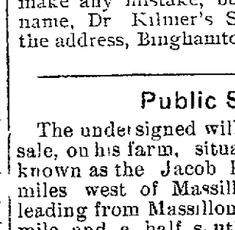

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THREE-MILE LIMIT.

Change in Law Affecting Pupils of Rural Schools.

Columbus, Feb. 24.—Senator Pollock has prepared a bill to introduce changing the three mile limit for pupils attending high schools. Under the old law pupils living more than three miles from a township high school may go to a city high school if one happens to be nearer and the township must pay the tuition. Pollock's amendment will make the limit five miles The change if it becomes a law will compel some now attending the high schools to go to their township schools. It applies especially to some now going to Beach City, where pupils live just a quarter of a mile beyond the three mile limit.

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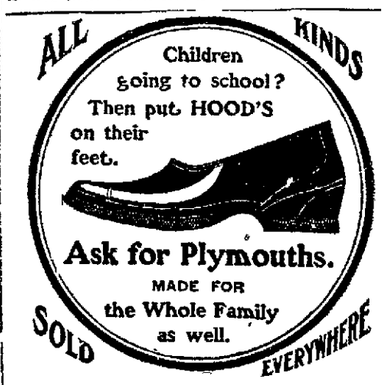
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HOCH DIES GAMELY

Even as Drop Fell His Counsel Desperately Tried to Save Him.

DECLARES HIMSELF INNOCENT

One of Most Remarkable Men Noted in American Criminal Records Executed After Several Reprieves and After Exhausting Every Resource.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Johann Hoch, convicted uxoricide, confessed bigamist, and who, if but a fraction of the stories of crime that are told of him are true, was one of the greatest criminals this country has ever known, has been hanged in the county jail for poisoning his wife, Marie Welcker Hoch.

He faced death with a prayer on his lips for the officers of the law who took his life, and save for the words "good bye," his last utterance was an assertion that he was innocent.

JOHANN HOCH.

The last scene in the career of Hoch came at 1:34 o'clock in the afternoon, while his attorneys were still making desperate efforts for a little more time on earth for him. His death, the lawyers say, has not ended the appeal that was made in his behalf, and although the man himself is dead, they promise to carry the case to the supreme court of the United States.

Delayed the Execution.

The time set for the hanging was between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Shortly after 9 o'clock, Hoch's attorneys appeared in the office of the clerk of the United States circuit court, where they filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus on the broad ground that Hoch was held in peril of death in direct violation of the thirteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, which declares in effect that no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

As soon as the application for the write had been filed, Attorneys Mayher and Comerford, who were acting in behalf of Hoch, hastened to the jail, where they informed Jailer Whitman and Deputy Sheriff Peters that the application for the writ had been made, and asked them to delay the execution until the court had either granted or refused the writ. The jailer and the deputy sheriff agreed to wait. The attorneys then returned to the court and appearing before Judge Landis asked that the writ issue forthwith.

Final Appeal Refused.

After some consideration, Judge Landis replied: "The application for the writ is denied. The proper remedy for counsel was a writ of error from the decision of the state supreme court to the supreme court of the United States. The writ is fatally defective and cannot be made good."

At 1:30 Jailer Whitman went to Hoch's cell, with six guards.

"Johann, your time has come," he said.

Hoch had advanced to meet the party, and said calmly: "I am ready, Mr. Whitman."

As he left the cell, Whitman noticed that Hoch still wore a collar.

"You will have to take that off," said Whitman, pointing to the collar.

"All right," replied Hoch. He took the collar off and threw it back into the cell. As the death march started, Hoch stopped several times to shake hands with the attendants, saying, "Good bye, boys."

Keeps Promise to Die Game.

At 1:32 o'clock, Hoch stepped on the drop, beneath the crossbeams. His face was pale but his manner was composed and his courage unsurpassed. He had said several times that when the hour of his death came he would meet it bravely, that he had been a soldier and knew how to die. His attitude on the scaffold bore out his words in full. He stood erect, his heels close together, his shoulders back and his gaze directed over the heads of the crowd toward the far end of the corridor. The Rev. J. R. Burkland, who was reciting the prayers for the dying as the procession approached the scaffold, continued them while Hoch was preparing for execution. Deputy Sheriff Peters spoke to Hoch, asking him to move backward as he was not squarely on the drop. Hoch glanced down at his feet, moved quickly to the rear and again resumed his military attitude. He had said that he did not care to say anything on the scaffold, but while the deputy sheriff was pinioning his feet, Hoch spoke to him in a low voice.

Declares His Innocence.

"Do you want to say something," asked Deputy Sheriff Peters.

"Yes," said Hoch.

The Rev. Burkland was still reciting the prayer and Jailer Whitman motioned with his hand to silence him. The clergyman, not noticing, continued with the prayer, and Whitman stepped to the edge of the scaffold and asked him to desist for a moment. As soon as the voice of the clergyman had ceased Hoch spoke up in strong, clear tones, and with a pronounced German accent, saying:

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do. I must die, an innocent man. Good bye."

He bit off the last two words in a crisp, incisive fashion, and just as soon as he had uttered them, the drop fell.

Dr. McNamara, a county physician, was at Hoch's side the instant he fell and declared that death had been instantaneous, the neck having been broken. Hoch's pulse continued to beat for 10 minutes after Dr. McNamara had declared his neck broken.

While the execution of Hoch was in progress, Attorney Edward Maher was still making desperate efforts to induce Judge Landis to sign an appeal and grant Hoch a supersedeas until his application for a writ of habeas corpus could be tested by the Federal supreme court.

WITH WILLING VOICE

HOUSE AUTHORIZES INQUIRY INTO DICK TURPIN METHODS OF RAILROADS.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Preceded by a debate which indicated no hesitancy but rather a relish in taking action against alleged railroad combinations, the house agreed without opposition to the Tillman-Gillespie resolution directing the interstate commerce commission to make an immediate inquiry and report regarding alleged restraints of trade on the part of certain railroads in the handling of coal and oil. The resolution was not in the form it passed the senate and will go back to that body for its second action.

Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio characterized it as a rebuke to the recent "puerile" report which had been made by a certain railroad official. Mr. Gillespie (Texas) said if half he had heard was true the commercial brigandage of today put entirely in the shade the hold-up man of the frontier days. Mr. Townsend (Miss.), who presented the resolution from the committee, discussed the conditions which in his opinion made it a necessity. The only note of apprehension was from Mr. Mann (Ills.), who called attention to the law which exempts from prosecution persons who may testify in the inquiry. In this manner, he said, the guilty officials, if any such were found, might be able to escape punishment. It was explained that in making the inquiry the commission would exercise discretion in getting its information from sources which would not exempt possibly guilty parties.

Icebergs Block Steamship Lanes.

St. Johns, N. F., Feb. 24.—Incoming ships bring reports of large icebergs and extensive floes off the Grand banks. The bergs and floes are supposed to be the advance guard of the Arctic ice pack, which is unusually late in reaching these waters this season owing to the mild winter and the absence of northerly winds. It is probable that henceforth ocean steamers will be seriously inconvenienced by the presence of the masses of ice in the steamship lanes.

Two Dynamiters Confess.

Wapakoneta, O., Feb. 24.—William Cotton and Park Wright have changed their pleas to guilty on the charge of blowing up the bulkhead gates at the Grand reservoir and were remanded to jail. They will be called as witnesses in the case of the state against Peeley on the same charge. The trial begins Monday. In this case subpoenas have been served on nearly 200 witnesses and the defendants are preparing another precipe.

Little Left for Creditors.

London, Feb. 24.—The report of the official liquidator of the J. Whitaker Wright companies contains some startling figures. The assets, which were estimated to produce $14,505,100, realized $2 575,970. To realize this cost over $1,500,000. The unsecured creditors, whose claims aggregated $12,958,375, received $921,585. There was nothing to return to the shareholders.

Enjoined From Going to Church.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Feb 24.—Judge Moss, who recently enjoined a man from wooing his wife, has issued an injunction to prohibit H. Wilson and Mrs. Mary Wilson, his wife, from going to church. They are charged with disturbing religious service at the Pleasant Home Baptist church.

Richard Mansfield to Retire.

Boston, Feb. 24.—Richard Mansfield has authorized the statement that he had formulated plans for retiring from the stage. It is Mr. Mansfield's intention to play three more seasons, ending his theatrical career in the spring of 1906.

DOLLIVER TRIUMPHS

Hepburn Bill Ordered Reported to the Senate Without Amendment.

RAILROAD SENATORS BEATEN

Aldrich, Elkins, Foraker, Crane and Kean Defeated in Attempt to Insert Baffling Provisions in Measure Passed by the House.

Washington, Feb. 24.—By a vote of 8 to 5 the senate committee on interstate commerce agreed to report the Hepburn railroad rate bill without amendment, but the resolution adopted reserved to the members of the committee freedom of action concerning amendments offered in the senate. By a vote of 5 to 3, Senator Tillman, a Democrat, was given the honor of reporting the bill. This establishes a precedent in that a Republican senate committee has given to a Democrat control of an important measure passed by a Republican house and endorsed by a Republican president. Senators Cullom and Carmack were absent and their votes were recorded only on the main proposition.

Senator Aldrich moved that the bill be reported by Chairman Elkins, but Senators Dolliver and Tillman protested that some friend of the measure should make the report and Senator Aldrich amended his motion, providing that the report should be made by Senator Tillman. He stated that the Democratic members furnished the majority of the votes for the bill and that it was proper to have the minority "father it." This was taken by Senators Dolliver and Clapp as an effort to humiliate them, but they remained silent.

Tillman to Report Bill.

Chairman Elkins suggested that the report should be made by Senator Dolliver, who had been one of the men who helped draft the Hepburn bill, and a leader in the fight to prevent the adoption of amendments. Only Senator Clapp supported this suggestion, which had been made informally.

A vote was then had on the question who should report the bill, resulting as follows: For Senator Tillman—Aldrich, Kean, Foraker, Crane and McLaurin. For Senator Dolliver—Elkins, Clapp and Newlands. Not voting—Dolliver, Tillman and Foster.

The contest in the senate committee over the railroad rate bill is a memorable one. It was started a year ago, when the Esch-Townsend bill came from the house. That measure had a hostile reception in the committee, and after it became apparent that it could not be reported to the senate arrangements were made for an investigation of the whole subject of government regulation of rates. The committee was in session practically all of last summer and cost in round numbers $30,000. Nearly a hundred meetings were held and these extended into the present session of congress without any report having been made. The house took up the subject again at the present session and passed the bill which bears Representative Hepburn's name.

Bitter Discussion Expected.

Senators Cullom, Dolliver and Clapp became its sponsors in the senate. Owing to the illness of Senator Cullom the burden of the contest fell on Senators Dolliver and Clapp, who successfully defeated all amendments in a determined fight made by some of the strongest men in the senate. Several times there had been efforts to bring the bill to a vote, but these were fruitless until now.

In spite of the fact that the senate was not in session nearly all of the senators were drawn to the capitol by the contest in the interstate commerce committee. As soon as the result was known speculation began as to the probable procedure on the floor. It was predicted that there would be delays and all sorts of obstructive tactics used. This was contradicted, however, by Senators Aldrich and Crane and other leading senators not members of the interstate commerce committee. They said they would favor seeking an agreement whereby the bill could be placed on the calendar as the unfinished business, ahead of the statehood bill. They said they thought the prominence given the railroad rate question, and the interest the people of the whole United States have taken in it, entitled the question to early consideration. It was agreed, however, that the discussion will be as bitter as any that has ever taken place in the senate.

To Manufacture Steel Ties.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 24.—The Railway Steel Tie company was incorporated here with capital stock of $1,000,000. The company is to manufacture steel railway ties. The incorporators are: John G. Snyder, Altoona, Pa.; William M. Davis, New York, and George M. Osgood, Montclair, N. J.

France to Pension Workmen.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The chamber of deputies has passed the long debated bill providing for workingmen's pensions. The law provides that the employer, employe and government contribute to a fund from which the workingmen may be pensioned after he is 65 years of age.

DROPPED 1,800 FEET

Daring Aeroplane Navigator Escapes Death by Narrow Margin.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 24.—An unsuccessful trial was made by Prof. Montgomery's aeroplane at Idora park and it almost resulted in serious injury to David Wilkie, the aeronaut. At the height of 1,800 feet Prof. Montgomery signaled to descend, but the aeroplane did not respond. Suddenly, however, it was seen to drop from its support and a shout went up from the spectators.

For a single moment the aeroplane remained on even keel, then it swerved sharply and began to fall in short circles. Clinging desperately to the framework of the airship, Wilkie could be seen making frantic efforts to regain control of the machine and twice it seemed that he had succeeded. Like a wounded bird the aeroplane swept downward, twice righting itself, only to again plunge toward the earth.

The last time the machine floated on even keel it was within a short distance of the ground, and to this fact Wilkie owes his life, for when the machine started again toward the ground it had but a few feet to fall. It struck with force enough to wreck the machine, but the aeronaut escaped with a bad gash on the nose and a number of painful bruises.

PROGRAM ALTERED

MITCHELL CALLS MEETING OF SCALE COMMITTEE AT NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 24.—The full scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America, including 36 members, among them President John Mitchell, District Presidents Fahey, Nicholls and Dettery, District Secretaries Gallagher, Dempsey and Hartlein, and the executive boards of hard coal districts 1, 7 and 9, met in this city last night to consider the demands the anthracite miners are to make to the committee of operators appointed at the recent conference in this city. The miners' committee of seven has been busy on there plans for a week.

It was intended that President Mitchell should at once notify the operators that a meeting with them was desired. His action, therefore, in first calling a meeting of the scale committee to consider the propositions has given rise to reports that the miners' demands are such at to make the situation a grave one.

The meeting of the scale committee lasted until nearly midnight. It was stated that the full committee endorsed the demands of the miners' committee of seven and it was declared that the anthracite workers will stand by the demands and suggestions. It was decided to send a copy of the conclusions to Mr. Baer, the head of the operators' committee, at once.

It is likely that there will be a meeting on Monday of the joint committee of miners and operators.

4,000 ORDERED TO MOVE

800 Families Must Vacate Site of P. R. R. Terminal.

New York, Feb. 24.—The most extensive eviction of tenants in the city's history, by which over 4,000 persons must move from their homes within the next few weeks, has been ordered by the Long Island railroad. Two blocks of tenement houses on Thirty-second street, west of Eighth avenue, in which live more than 800 families, are to be torn down to make additional room for the great railway terminal of the Pennsylvania railroad.

This eastern section has already been converted into an immense excavation for use of the underground terminal. Despite repeated notices from the railroad company the tenants remained, many of them because poverty made it next to impossible for them to move. Of the 4,000 persons affected by the order 1,000 must vacate the premises by March 1. These are said to be in arrears for their rent. The other 3,000 have been allowed until April 15.

KILLED BY DEADLY FUMES

Itinerant Merchant Found Dead In Lodgings at Erie, Pa.

Erie, Pa., Feb. 24.—Morris Goleba, age 28, a prominent dealer in Japanese wares, whose father resides in New York and other relatives in Pittsburg, was found dead in his room here.

Deputy Coroner Hanley's theory is that Goleba had come home in the morning telling the landlady that he was feeling sick and that he was going to take some medicine and lie down. He went into his room, which had practically no ventilation, and turned the gas stove high so as to sweat himself. The medicine evidently caused him to sleep soundly and the gas, having burned up the oxygen in the room, poisoned the air with deadly fumes. When found his body was badly burned.

Habeas Corpus Writ for Miners.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 24.—The supreme court has issued a writ of habeas corpus in the cases of President Moyer, Secretary Haywood and Committeeman Pettibone of the Western Federation of Miners, accused of the murder of former Governor Frank Steunenberg. The writ is made returnable on March 1, when a time will be set for a hearing.

Burns Got the Decision.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 24.—Tommy Burns got the decision over Marvin Hart in the twentieth round here last night.

BUY THEIR DEPOSITS

Treasurer of Hamilton County, O., Admits Receipt of $20,000 in Gifts.

SENATE PROBERS BEGIN WORK

Republican Members of Committee Having Declined to Serve, Democratic Senators Conduct Investigation—Banks Give Cash Presents.

Cincinnati, Feb. 24.—County Treasurer R. J. Hynicka has received about $20,000 in gratuities for deposit of public funds from various banks according to his testimony before the commission appointed by the state senate to investigate the public offices of Cincinnati and Hamilton county.

The three Democratic members of the committee, Senators Drake, Espy and Schmidt, were assisted by Attorney Philip Roettinger, the two Republicans who had been named to serve with them having resigned from membership on the commission. Before the testimony of Treasurer Hynicka, several bankers had testified to the payment of gratuities to various persons connected with the county treasurer's office, such payments being as an expression of appreciation for the deposit of public funds.

None of the witnesses was permitted the advice of attorneys, nor were attorneys allowed to represent any of the officers whose offices were to be investigated, but the chairman of the commission, Senator Drake announced that the order might be revoked later.

County Treasurer Hynicka testified that he had been treasurer one year and a half and deputy treasurer five and one-half years before that. He continued:

"While I have been treasurer, Mr. Schott, the cashier, has had charge of the funds. I should say $3,500,000 is the amount collected semi-annually in taxes. I should judge four fifths of this is paid in checks. We deposit them in the various banks, in almost every bank in Cincinnati. Probably we have used more banks during my term than in any previous term. We have not deposited currency.

"The county treasurer's office has no account of gratuities, but Mr. Schott has from time to time handed me gratuities in cash."

"From what banks?" asked Attorney Roettinger.

"I don't know. It is customary to accept checks for taxes. We do not have to do that. This is done for accommodation of the public. So from time to time banks thus favored have sent donations or whatever you might call it, to the county treasurer's office in recognition of our accommodation and I have received the money.

"I never ask a bank or any person for such gratuity. Mr. Schott largely selected the banks to which checks were sent. I knew the money came from the banks. Mr. Schott alone knew the banks this money came from. I kept no account of these amounts and deposited them in my private accounts."

"Will you produce your private account books?" asked Mr. Roettinger.

"Certainly, tomorrow," said Mr. Hynicka. "I do not know on what basis the amounts were calculated. Mr. Schott handed me in this term about $15,000 or $20,000.

"I don't know if Mr. Schott or anyone else receievd any money from the same source. I have no knowledge of anyone else receiving any money. This money was not regarded as public funds. It was accepted as I took checks at my risk and I was under bonds."

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Feb 23.—Active covering by shorts caused a firm close today in the local wheat market, although prices were a trifle below the final quotations of Wednesday, the May option being off ¼c. Corn was up ¼@⅜c. Oats showed a gain of ¼c. Closing quotations: Wheat, May, 81¼@81⅜; corn, May, 43; oats, May, 30⅛.

PITTSBURG MARKETS—FEB. 23.

Corn—New yellow shelled, 46@46½; new high mixed, 47½@48½; new yellow car, 49@49½.

Oats—No. 2 white, 35@35¼; No 3, 34½@34¾.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $12.75@13; No. 2, $11@11.50; No. 1 clover, $9@9.50; No. 1 mixed, $10@10.50.

Eggs—Selected, 15@16.

Butter—Prints, 31@31½; tubs, 30@30½; dairy, 21½@22½.

Cheese—New York full cream, new, 14½@15, Ohio full cream, 14½@15; Wisconsin Swiss, 15@15½; limberger, new, 13½@14.

Cattle—Prime to fancy, fat, smooth steers, $5.60@5.80; green, coarse and rough, fat steers, $3.65@4.25; fat, smooth, dry fed, light steers, $4.15@4.85; choice milch cows, $35@50; medium to good milch cows, $20@30; good, fat smooth handy butchers' bulls, $3.75@4.25; feeding steers, good style, weight and extra quality, $3.50@4; fed steers, common to good quality, $3@3.50; fair to choice stockers, $2.85@3.40.

Calves—Veals, good to choice, $8@3.50; veals, fair to good, $6@7.50; heavy and thin calves, $3@5.

Hogs—Good to prime heavy, $6.40; choice medium weights, $6.40; best heavy yorkers, $6.35@6.40; good light yorkers, $6.30@6.40; pigs, good to prime, $6.30.

FUNDS FOR THE STATE HOSPITAL

The Senate Committee is Expected Here Soon.

TWO YEAR APPROPRIATIONS.

A Sub-Committee of the House Has Already Visited the Massillon Hospital—Maple Sugar Camp is Open.

The February meeting of the trustees of the Massillon state hospital was held in Superintendent Eyman's office Thursday. While only routine business came before the meeting, several important matters were discussed. The actual business consisted of ordering the payment of several bills and visiting the buildings. The discussions took in the possibility of the general assembly cutting down the appropriation bills for the next two years.

Reports from the finance committee in the Senate at Columbus indicate that the Senate will reach the appropriation bills for state institutions in about three weeks. As yet the Senate finance committee has not visited the hospital but the committee may leave Columbus next week on a trip over the state and the Massillon hospital will be one of the institutions first visited. The trip through northern Ohio generally takes in Mansfield, Massillon, Cleveland and Toledo at one time. The sub-committee of the House committee has already visited the Massillon hospital. It has received a list of the things needed during the next two years and the amounts of money under each head, as drawn up by the trustees. The entire House committee will not visit the institutions this year. The policy of the present general assembly has been to send two members of the committee to the several institutions. A greater number of the Senate finance committee will visit the institutions.

Superintendent Eyman was in Columbus on business a few days ago and while there learned that the general impression among the legislators is that the present session will not be a long one. There seems to be a disposition to transact all needed business and adjourn at an early date.

The Massillon hospital trustees will ask for another cottage from the legislature. The cottages are now all filled to the limit and there is hardly a day but Superintendent Eyman receives requests from probate judges in the hospital district that patients be permitted to come to the institution. The Massillon hospital district takes in all the counties in central Ohio east of Wayne and the district runs into the northeastern part of the state. A cottage was opened two weeks ago and this is now filled. A number of patients were transferred from cottage B, which had been used by men, to the new cottage. Cottage B was then repainted and partly refurnished and is now used for women patients.

The maple sugar camp was started in full operation Friday. Eight large barrels of sap were collected. As much more was caught on Saturday. There are hundreds of trees in the grove near the hospital and along the roadways leading to the grounds. All the maple sugar made will be used at the hospital.

The trustees have not heard how the general assembly feels concerning the offer made to the state to sell a farm that adjoins the present hospital farm. The trustees will see that the legislators are made acquainted with present needs. The greatest need for additional land is for a location for new filtration beds. The old ones are practically useless. The trustees feel that the offer made a short time ago to sell the land is the best ever given to the state with respect to the Massillon hospital.

MASSILLON MARKET.

The following are the retail prices today in Massillon. This report is corrected daily:

Country butter, per lb	28
Creamery butter	30 32
Eggs, per dozen	22
Chickens, spring, lb dressed	16
New Cabbage, per lb	03
Lettuce, per lb	18
Onions, per peck	35
Potatoes, per bushel	85

Dealers Pay for Country Produce:

Country butter, per lb	25
Eggs, per dozen	18
Chickens, live, per lb	8-10
Chickens, spring, dressed	14
Chickens, dressed	12
Potatoes, per bushel	65
Live Pork	4½
Dressed Pork	6½

GRAIN MARKETS.

Following are the paying prices:

Wheat	85
Oats	32
Corn	40

Following are the selling prices.

Hay, baled, per hundred	85
Straw, per hundred	80
Shelled corn, per bushel	75
Oats, per bushel	35
Corn	40
Hay, loose, per ton	20 00

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Born, to the Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Craft, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Schrader, of East Cherry street, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Erastus D. Ott returned Saturday morning from a wedding trip to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs Joseph R. Mack, of Pittsburg, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geis, in Andrew street.

The friends of Miss Sadie Martin, of 128 West Main street, will be glad to learn that she is now able to be up and around the house, after an illness of eight weeks.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs Clarence Oberlin, a son, Mr. and Mrs Oberlin live in Terre H ute, Ind., and are guests at the residence of the former's mother, Mrs. Hannah Oberlin, at 310 East Main street.

The comptroller of the currency has forwarded the final statement of the affairs of the Citizens' National Bank, of Oberlin, which failed when Cassie Chadwick swindled the officers out of thousands. It shows she received $247,609 from the bank on worthless securities.

The last of the winter's season of entertainments at the Massillon club, a dance, was given Friday evening, those present numbering about ninety, including Mr. and Mrs James W Warwick and Mr. and Mrs. David Croxton, of Cleveland, and a number of guests from Canton.

In the United States federal court at Cleveland yesterday J. R. Zimmerman, the Wooster banker, appeared with his attorney and pleaded not guilty to the indictments recently found against him. Bail was fixed at $10,000. Judge Tayler consented to the consolidation of the two indictments. The case was set for trial March 19.

The village of Newcomerstown has offered a reward of $400 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who broke the windows in the Index building, in John Hind's grocery, and in the residences of George W. Miskimmem, and the Rev. C. W. Harshman. The reward will be paid for the conviction of one or all of the offenders.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Arnold gave a dinner at their residence in Wellman street Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Warwick, of Cleveland, who were their guests until Saturday afternoon. The others present were Mr. and Mrs. David Croxton, of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steese, Mr and Mrs. Harry L. McLain and Mr and Mrs. H A. Croxton.

George T Cutts, of Barberton, receiver of the First National Bank, of Orrville, was in town Thursday and paid to the creditors of the bank a dividend of 50 per cent. Quite a number of depositors were on hand at an early hour at the mayor's office, at which place the dividends were paid The total disbursements approximately amounted to $10,000.—Orrville Courier.

One hundred and fifty Springfield saloonkeepers will, in retaliation for "lid" rule, try to force tobacconists, news dealers, druggists and confectioners to close their places of business on Sunday. The animus for this action is the order of Police Chief R. E. O'Brien requiring saloonkeepers arrested for violation of the Sunday closing law and loiterers captured to give bond instead of cash bail.

J. M. Jones, of the Welsh-American society, has received word from the Hon. Anthony Howells, of Massillon, formerly consul to Cardiff, Wales, regretting that he cannot attend the banquet in honor of St. David's day, to be given here by the society the night of March 3. The Stark County Eisteddfod Association will also celebrate St. David's day on the same date at the Courtland hotel in Canton and he will attend.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Miss Erma Cutting entertained a number of guests at her home in West Tremont street Friday afternoon, the occasion being her eleventh birthday. After a few hours spent in the enjoyment of music and in playing games, a dainty lunch was served. Among those present were the Misses Marguerite Hollinger, Ethel Groff, Blanche Smith, Belle Miller, Wilma Arnold, Helen Shearer, Ruth Knight, Florence Smith, Helen Higginbotham and Marian Seamon.

EASTER, APRIL 15.

Ash Wednesday, the First Day of Lent, Feb 28.

Wednesday, February 28, is the first Wednesday after a new moon, six weeks from the commencement of a year, and marks the first day of Lent, known as Ash Wednesday. Easter is the first Sunday after Good Friday, which will be April 15. This is fairly early, considering that it happened on April 23 last year. Inasmuch as the date is regulated by the movable feasts the prediction has been made that it will not occur on such a late date again in the next century. Country folks in olden times were taught the legend that this was the proper day on which to sow flax.

NEARBY TOWNS.

NAVARRE.

Navarre, Feb. 23.—Sparks from a chimney set the roof of George Zigler's house on fire Friday morning. The blaze was discovered before much damage had been done and the fire department soon extinguished the blaze.

Mrs. Barbara Hess, aged 73 years, who is visiting at the home of her niece, Mrs. Austin Nichols, two miles southwest of this place, fell down a flight of stairs, Friday morning, and sustained a fracture of a wrist and was seriously bruised. She is an aunt of Dr. Shetler, of Navarre.

H. M. Santameyer, of Dalton, called on friends here Friday.

Nelson King spent Friday in Canton on business.

MT. EATON.

Mt Eaton, Feb. 26.—The social for the benefit of the Reformed Sunday school room to be well lighted by new lamps, was a success.

Many removals will soon take place in and about our village. Mrs C. C. Harrold has already removed from her home farm to the east end of our town, and all give her welcome.

A good, reliable tenant with a small family would receive a welcome on the farm of seventy-seven and one-half acres owned by Mrs. T. C. Stauffer and sisters, southwest of the village. A good offer will be given to one who understands well the science of agriculture.

The meeting held in the town hall on the 23d inst. for the purpose of considering the building of a township school house was well attended. Prof. Haupert, of Wooster, was the main speaker upon education and the rural high school. The orchestra discoursed fine music upon the occasion.

Mrs. Romey Hovey, nee Miss Emma Coutris, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dumars, in Brooklyn, on February 19. She formerly resided in Mt. Eaton, this village being her birthplace.

William Myers, a soldier of the civil war, an uncle of A. D. Metz, esq., of Wooster, died at his home in St. Paul, Minn., a few days ago. The deceased married the young widow of James Galbraith, of Mt. Eaton, and, after her second marriage, removed to Minnesota. Mrs. Myers' maiden name was Julia Paulding, and in her single days she was styled the "Massillon beauty."

EAST GREENVILLE.

East Greenville, Feb. 26—The mines in this section are working almost full time.

A party of young people met at the home of Simon Wolgamot, Monday evening, where they were pleasantly entertained.

A social will be held at the M. E. church on February 28. All that have received invitations are requested to be present to help along the first social of the year.

J. C. Graybill, of this town, spent Monday at the Massillon business college, where he expects to return April 1 to complete a business course.

Our band is progressing finely, William Graybill proving his ability as leader.

NORTH LAWRENCE.

North Lawrence, Feb. 26.—H. E. Kaufman, ticket agent at this place, is laying off for ten days. Mr. Chenot, of Louisville, is filling the vacancy.

N. K. Bowman is out of town in the interest of his patent mail delivery.

Stevenson Britten, who has been ill for the past six weeks with tpyhoid fever, is around again, but not able to work.

The Lawrence Improvement Company loaded a car of fine lumber to be shipped away this week.

J. P. Jones went to Cleveland on business Saturday.

State Senator R. A. Pollock visited his parents last Monday.

Robert Livsey is seriously ill with heart trouble.

The mines have been working about full time. At present most of the miners are expecting a strike April 1.

J. M. Groff, who lives between Lawrence and Canal Fulton, is sick with lung fever.

R. R. Pollock, superintendent of the Lawrence Improvement Company, is in Navarre looking after the interest of the company in regard to some lumber.

Mrs. J. M. Shenk, of Burton City, visited her son, J. R. Shenk, of this palce, this week.

Edward Hanson, of Horton, Mich., is visiting his sister, Mrs. William Pollock, of this place.

W. Norman, of Springfield, Ill., who has been visiting friends and relatives at this place, has returned home.

Edward Williams, who had the misfortune to break his leg the second time, is getting along nicely and will be around shortly.

Public Sale.

The undersigned will offer at public sale in the village of Camp Creek, 3 miles west of Navarre, 2½ miles north of Justus, on the Pigeon Run road, on Friday, March 2, one family horse, top buggy, sleigh, set of harness, wagon ladder, hay, corn, coal, stoves, chickens and household goods. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock p. m. Terms made known on day of sale.

MRS. ANNA SCOTT.

Stops itching instantly. Cures piles, eczema, salt rheum, tetter, itch, hives, herpes, scabies—Doan's Ointment. At any drug store.

SOCIETY WANTS BETTER HIGHWAYS

Such is the Verdict of Horticultural Society.

FAVORS TAXATION OF BONDS.

Fruit Trees are in Excellent Condition—Buds are Far Advanced—Next Meeting Will be in Alliance March 21.

Seventy-five members of the Stark County Horticultural Society attended the February meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Oberlin, in East Oak street, Thursday. Dinner was served at noon, after which the business of the meeting was considered.

The actual business and reports of the society occupied but a short time. The condition of fruit trees was reported as being excellent, there being no fear that any buds have been injured by frosts to the present time, although many buds are far advanced for this time of the winter. All reports were of a favorable nature. A. Weaver, of Massillon, and C. W. Foust, of Canton, donated flowers, which were sold and the proceeds placed in the society's treasury.

The chief discusison of the meeting pertained to the good roads movement and the taxing of bonds, which may be issued to further the good roads work. The society went on record as favoring the good roads movement and will do all in its power to assist those leading it. The society favors the changing of the state laws to cover this point. The speakers on this topic were M. W. Oberlin, Clayton Holl, of New Berlin, and J. Hershey, of Alliance, who led the argument, and others, who ratified what these speakers said. These two subjects occupied the entire time of the afternoon.

President Frank Hanna, of Alliance, was in the chair and Mrs. S. O. Eggert, secretary, of Massillon, was present. The next meeting will be held with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Teeters, in Alliance, March 21.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The Meeting at Beach City of Unusual Interest.

Beach City, Feb. 22.—One of the most enthusiastic farmers' institutes ever held in Stark county closed here Tuesday afternoon. The speakers sent by the state, S. J. Baldwin and W. G. Farnsworth, presented the subjects assigned them in a very creditable manner and to the satisfaction of their auditors.

The music was inspiring, especially that given by forty high school pupils, the solos by Miss Verdie Noble, and the comic songs by the famous Wilmot quartette. The study from Goldsmith, by Superintendent Wingate, was given in his usual happy style and elicited much applause.

Strong resolutions were passed, demanding the legislature to recognize the rights and interests of the farmer; commending Governor Pattison in his stand on civic righteousness, and his denunciations against corrupt practices of officials for purposes of increasing their own compensation; condemning the method by which the bond amendment was submitted to the people at the last state election, and favoring the bill for its re-submission at the next general election; endorsing Prosecuting Attorney Upham's course in bringing violators of the law to justice.

The old officers were elected with the exception of secretary. Wilmot was selected as the next place for holding the institute.

WANT A NEW ROAD.

Residents of Perry Township to Present a Petition.

The trustees of Perry township, at their regular meeting to be held on Saturday, will be presented with a petition by Frank Malter, principal petitioner, praying for the establishment of a township road along the following described route in Perry township: Beginning at a point along the easterly line of a certain road running northwardly from the Earl road, past the Riverside school house at a picket fence which is about sixty feet southwardly from the northwest corner of a certain tract of land, owned by Rosa Heppert, thence eastwardly along said picket fence with said picket fence as the northwardly boundary of said proposed road, to the westerly lands owned by Sarah Malter.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desire thus to express their heartfelt thanks to their neighbors, friends, to those furnishing flowers and to others who assisted them in their recent bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhelm.

GOT ONE-FIFTIETH.

Mizner Wanted One Million, but Took $20,000.

New York, Feb. 24.—After beseeching and imploring his bride with impassioned earnestness, by telephone and in person, daily for almost a week to forgive his desertion of her, following his dreadful outburst of temper over her refusal to settle $1,600,000 on him, Wilson Mizner yesterday, it is reported, abandoned all hope of being reconciled to the former widow of Charles T. Yerkes, the traction magnate, and, it is alleged, agreed to a formal separation in consideration of the sum of $20,000.

The settlement was effected, so a close friend of Mizner said, in the Fifth avenue mansion, over which the young Californian had ruled for the brief period of two weeks.

Louis S. Owsley, the co-trustee with Mrs. Yerkes-Mizner under the Yerkes will, who had been summoned by her from Chicago two days ago, was present when the alleged agreement for separation was entered into. The formal proceedings are to be taken at once, and Mizner, so the story goes, will then leave New York for good, going either back to California or to Mexico.

OFF TO MEXICO.

A Consignment of Machines Shipped Friday.

The Russell & Company on Friday shipped a consignment of machinery containing one fifty horsepower road locomotive with mounted tender of sufficient capacity to carry water and fuel for a trip of twenty-two miles, and four heavy hauling wagons with beds twelve feet long, six feet wide and five feet high, with bottoms sloped from the center to each side, and hinged sides, so that the cargo can be quickly and easily discharged. The entire train is arranged to "track" and curve together. The hauling outfit is going to H. C. Harrison, Cerralvo, Mex., and will be used for hauling silver bullion from the smelter at Cerralvo to the railroad at Les Herreras, a distance of twenty-two miles. Returning the train will haul coke to the smelters.

The value of the train is $5,000. Many inquiries have been received by the firm from all over the world for these freight engines and wagons and the company now has orders for six additional ones, four of which will go to Mexico.

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IN THE POTTER'S FIELD.

Cemeteries Refused Resting Place for Hoch's Body.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press.) Unable to secure a final resting place for the body of Hoch in any of the city cemeteries, the body was today interred in the potters field adjoining the county poor farm at Dunning.

TOOK POISON BY MISTAKE.

Coroner of Wayne County Died This Morning.

Wooster, O., Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Dr. Hugh J. Sullivan, coroner of Wayne county, took a fatal does of poison by mistake early today and died a few hours later.

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A few of the most popular Magazines now on sale for March.

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Metropolitan,	**Pearsons,**
Ainslee's	**Scribner's,**
Delineator,	**Smart Set.**

If you don't find the one you want in this list, come in and look over our News counter.

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Every lady in Massillon should attend this sale. No time like the present to buy—but come anyway, if just to see the beauty of the displays.

Skirts are priced at 47c, 75c, $1 00, $1 39, $2.00, and up to $7.50.

Beautiful Corset Covers are here at 19c, 25c, 39c, 48c, 75c and up

Gowns are in the sale at 39c, 69c, 98c, $1 25 and up to $4 50

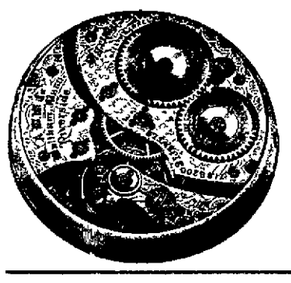
Gowns for Children, 39c.

Extra Values in WHITE WAISTS are offered in connection with this sale at *79c and 98c.*

Ladies' and Misses' Drawers may be had in this sale in a great variety of styles of trimming, at 28c, 39c, 69c, 75c, and up to $2.00.

Children's and Misses' Drawers ar offered at 10c and 12½c.

Chemises at 25c, 50c, 75c and up.



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